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Title: The EcoSystem Indicator Partnership shifts from ESIP 1.0 to ESIP 2.0

The Gulf of Maine Council's EcoSystem Indicator Partnership (ESIP) was formed in 2006 to look at change in the Gulf of Maine ecosystem through the use of indicators. To date, ESIP has published 6 fact sheets on: aquaculture, aquatic Habitats, climate change, coastal development, contaminants, and eutrophication. The most recent fact sheet (April 2015) describes the impacts of coastal development on the Gulf of Maine based on indicators of impervious surface and population along with locations of point sources. Other ESIP efforts include developing a webtool that provides access to monitoring locations and data for the indicators as well as building a mobile app to help users locate monitoring information for locations in their watershed. In an exciting development, ESIP is now advancing from ESIP 1.0 to ESIP 2.0 to further integrate the ecological and human dimensions of the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. With guidance from an interdisciplinary Directional Committee, ESIP 2.0 will use an ecosystem services framework that builds upon the initial ESIP 1.0 indicators and provides information on the ecosystem's provisioning, regulating, and cultural services.